TESTIMONIALS

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TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From the Visiting Committee of Managers of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, 18th November 1868.

We, the undersigned, constituting the Visiting Committee of Managers of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane, have much pleasure in certifying that Dr. Peter Maury Deas has acted as one of the Assistant Physicians in the Asylum for the period of three years and a half, to the entire satisfaction of the Managers. For upwards of a year he has discharged the duties of Senior Assistant Physician, and from what we know of the manner in which the onerous duties devolving upon him have been performed, we have no doubt that he is well qualified for the office of Medical Superintendent of any Public Asylum.

ALEXANDER HAY.
D. WILSON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.
ROBERT WALKER.

From David Skae, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Physician Superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum; Lecturer on Insanity in the Edinburgh Medical School; Corresponding Member of the Imperial Society of Physicians, Vienna, etc. etc.

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, 24th November 1868.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the abilities and acquirements of Dr. P. Maury Deas, and his qualifications for the office of Superintendent of a Public Asylum for the Insane.

Dr. Deas has been one of the Assistant Medical Officers of this Asylum for the last three years and a half. During that period he has constantly had under his immediate medical care upwards of 300 patients, and occasionally during my temporary absence from home, he has had, as the Senior Assistant Physician, the whole of my duties and responsibilities, involving the superintendence of an Asylum with upwards of 700 patients of all classes.

In the discharge of his duties here, Dr. Deas has proved himself a most efficient and able officer. He is possessed of a thorough knowledge of his profession in all its departments, and has uniformly brought that knowledge to bear upon the treatment of the insane in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon his professional skill. He possesses, in addition, all those qualities which require to be combined to make a thoroughly good Asylum Superintendent—great firmness and decision of character, with promptitude, kindness, and tact in the discharge of his duties. He has been uniformly loved and respected by patients, attendants, and officers by the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Institution in his daily routine of duty.

Dr. Deas has displayed also the greatest interest in all the amenities of Asylum life, calculated to promote the cure or happiness of the patients, by promoting recreations and amusements, lectures, concerts, readings, open-air games, and every modern device calculated to be useful, or a source of happiness. He has done all this with much spontaneous exertion and great energy.

Previous to Dr. Deas's appointment here, he had enjoyed peculiar advantages for acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of his profession, both in London and in Edinburgh, in both of which places he took high University honours, and was regarded as one of the most distinguished pupils. I leave others to enumerate these facts in detail.

I believe it would be difficult to find any one more thoroughly qualified in every respect, morally, intellectually, professionally, and by experience, for the office for which he is now a Candidate.

DAVID SKAE, M.D.

III.

From James Syme, Esq., D.C.L., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.S. Eng. and Edin.; Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen in Scotland; Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh; Member of the Medical Board of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, etc. etc.

1 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, November 18, 1868.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the talents and acquirements of Dr. Deas. He is a man of remarkable talent, and has had a large experience in the department of

medicine to which he has devoted his attention. I should regard any Institution for the treatment of the Insane that procures his services as extremely fortunate in doing so.

JAMES SYME.

IV.

From Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart., M.D., D.C.L. Oxon., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh; Physician-Accoucheur to the Queen in Scotland; one of the Medical Board of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

52 QUEEN STREET, Edinburgh, November 18, 1868.

I have much pleasure in stating that I remember Dr. P. M. Deas as one of the most distinguished students of his time in our University.

The high honours he carried off at the Examinations of the London University, the able manner in which he discharged the duties of Demonstrator at the College of Surgeons, and his fluency as a debater at the Medical Societies, made him well known to, and respected by, his teachers and fellow-students.

He has for some years devoted himself to the study of psychology, and in the large Asylum at Morningside must have had sufficient experience to render him eminently fit for the post he is applying for.

J. Y. SIMPSON.

V.

From James Begbie, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., Physician to the Queen in Scotland, etc. etc.

10 CHARLOTTE SQUARE, EDINBURGH, 17th November 1868.

I have the pleasure of knowing Dr. P. Maury Deas of the Royal Asylum, Morningside, and have occasionally met him in practice. In common with all who have the pleasure of Dr. Maury Deas's acquaintance, I have formed a high opinion of his talents and acquirements. I believe that he has availed himself of the superior advantages open to a student of Mental Pathology in the wards of our large Asylum here; and that he is intimately acquainted with the best and most approved system of treatment of the insane; and that he will prove a most valuable public officer in any similar Institution.

JAMES BEGBIE, M.D., F.R.C.P. EDIN.

VI.

From James Spence, F.R.S.E., Pres. R.C.S.E., Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland; Professor of Surgery, Edinburgh University, etc. etc.

21A AINSLIE PLACE, EDINBURGH, 19th November 1868.

It affords me great pleasure to state that I entertain a very high opinion of the professional and general attainments of Dr. Maury Deas. Dr. Deas has studied all departments of his profession thoroughly, and has held Medical and Surgical

appointments in the Royal Infirmary, which must have afforded him great practical experience. For several years Dr. Deas has more specially devoted himself to the study of Mental disease and the treatment of the Insane; and having held the appointment of one of the Assistant Medical Officers in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum at Morningside, under Dr. Skae, his opportunities and his experience have been very great: and from what I know of Dr. Deas I can hardly conceive any one better fitted for the duties of a Medical Superintendent of a large Public Asylum.

JAMES SPENCE, F.R.S.E., P.R.C.S.E.

VII.

From Lyon Playfair, C.B., F.R.S., Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

University of Edinburgh, 19th November 1868.

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr. Deas took a very distinguished position in the University as a student, and that he fulfilled the expectations formed of him as he passed through the non-professional part of his studies. From his talents, assiduity, and the large experience in Lunacy which he has acquired at Morningside Asylum, I have no doubt that he would fill with honour any appointment as Superintendent of an Asylum.

LYON PLAYFAIR, F.R.S.,
Professor of Chemistry, University, Edinburgh.

VIII.

From Thomas S. Clouston, M.D., Medical Superintendent,
Cumberland and Westmoreland County Asylum; formerly
Demonstrator of Anatomy, Royal College of Surgeons,
Edinburgh, etc.

Cumberland and Westmoreland Asylum, Garlands, Carlisle, 20th Nov. 1868.

I have known Dr. P. Maury Deas for nine years, and in that time have had the most ample opportunities of observing his industry, his abilities, and his attainments. As a student he was well known to be one of the ablest, the most diligent, and the most successful of his time. He stood out far in advance of nearly all his fellow-students. His eminence was not confined to his medical studies, nor to any one branch. The high position he took, and the Scholarships he gained at the University of London (where the examinations are known to be more searching than in any University in the world), are the very best test of Dr. Deas's academic success.

That his practical experience in all branches of medicine is at least equal to his knowledge derived from books I know to be the case. He studied in the great Hospitals of Edinburgh, London, and Paris; and for the past four years he has devoted himself to the study of Insanity, and the practical management of an Asylum for the Insane, under one of the ablest men in that branch of the medical profession.

I know of no Assistant Physician to any Asylum in this country who possesses Dr. Deas's qualifications for the chief Medical Superintendance of an Asylum for the Insane. Any Committee of Management of such an Institution might consider themselves most fortunate if he placed his services at their disposal.

T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D.

IX.

From J. CRICHTON BROWNE, M.D., F.R.P.S.E., Medical Superintendent, West Riding Lunatic Asylum; late Medical Superintendent, Newcastle-on-Tyne Borough Lunatic Asylum; and Lecturer on Psychology in the Newcastle Medical School, etc. etc.

West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, 20th November 1868.

I HAVE known Dr. Maury Deas for many years, and have formed a high opinion of his abilities and character. At college, where I first made his acquaintance, he was noted for his quick intelligence, his keen pursuit of scientific knowledge, his masterly command over those mental means and appliances which his indefatigable industry had stored up, and his distinguished position in the list of honours. In his after-career he has supported the reputation which he then acquired, and has proved himself to be an accomplished and estimable member of his profession. He is a man of sober judgment, of energetic temperament, of persistent will, of prudent and reticent habits, of large sympathies, of a nature both strong and sensitive. He is possessed, in fact, of that combination of qualities which goes to make up a first class Asylum officer. These qualities in him, too, are not without the requisite and special cultivation. The four years which he has spent in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, under the genial and sagacious guidance of Dr. Skae, are a sufficient guarantee of his familiarity with psychological medicine and the principles and practice of Asylum administration.

I respect Dr. Deas greatly, and attest confidently that he will make a most conscientious and successful Superintendent of the Down County Asylum.

J. CRICHTON BROWNE, M.D. Edin., Medical Director of the West Riding of Yorkshire Asylum. From John Struthers, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, formerly Lecturer on Anatomy, Edinburgh Medical School, etc. etc.

University of Aberdeen, November 20th, 1868.

I have much pleasure in expressing the high opinion which I was led to form of Dr. Peter Maury Deas.

He began his medical studies with me in Edinburgh, and was one of the most distinguished students in the class. Throughout the whole of his career as a student, he was distinguished alike for his ability, taking the highest honours in my class and in other classes, and at the same time by his exemplary conduct and character. I accordingly promoted him to the position of Demonstrator in my class, the duties of which office he performed to my entire satisfaction and that of the students.

Dr. Deas has also distinguished himself very highly in the examinations for his degree at the London University, having taken in several departments the highest honours and scholarships.

Although I have not personally witnessed his progress since I left Edinburgh, five years ago, I am aware that he has devoted himself to the department of Insanity and Asylum management, and the practical opportunities he has enjoyed of studying Mental diseases, and the management of the Insane in the Edinburgh Royal Asylum, under Dr. Skae, are unsurpassed.

Dr. Deas is, therefore, not only highly qualified in every respect for the appointment of Medical Superintendent of an Asylum, but has very strong claims for such an appointment, alike on the grounds of ability, high education, trustworthiness of character, the rewarding of merit, and special experience.

JOHN STRUTHERS.

XI.

From J. Matthews Duncan, A.M., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.,

Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and
Children, Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary, etc. etc.

30 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, 20th November 1868.

I HEREBY certify that I am personally acquainted with Dr. Peter Maury Deas, and have observed his career as a professional man for several years. I have always had reason to esteem him highly in all respects, and I have invariably heard him highly spoken of by his fellows.

Dr. Deas has devoted himself to the theory and practice of the diseases of the mind. He has resided four years in the Morningside Asylum, acting as a Medical Officer there, and has in this capacity gained the respect and confidence of a large circle of medical men and of patients.

I have myself repeatedly come in contact with him in professional affairs.

I have much pleasure in saying that I believe him to be well qualified for the medical charge of a Lunatic Asylum.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

XII.

From David Yellowlees, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Glamorgan County Asylum, etc.

GLAMORGAN COUNTY ASYLUM, BRIDGEND, 21st November 1868.

I have known Dr. P. Maury Deas for many years, and beg to bear my strongest testimony to his fitness, in every respect, for the office of an Asylum Superintendent.

D. YELLOWLEES, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

XIII.

From R. H. B. Wickham, L.R.C.P.E., Assistant-Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum; late Medical Officer, Elgin District Asylum, etc.

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, 12th November 1868.

It is with great pleasure that I record my high opinion of the qualifications of my colleague, Dr. Peter Maury Deas.

The very high position which he has taken ever since he became a student of Medicine, warrants me in saying that I know of no young man in the medical profession who has so good a claim to the highest honours which that profession has in its power to bestow.

Dr. Deas's first appointment, after he ceased to be a student, was that of Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and although I was not one of his pupils, I know well the esteem in which he was held, both for the knowledge of his subject and the readiness with which he imparted it to others. He afterwards became Professor Syme's House Surgeon, in the Surgical Clinical Wards of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and there, as I know from my own experience, he greatly distinguished himself. At the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane he has been an Assistant Physician for nearly four years, and, consequently, has enjoyed unrivalled opportunities for observing the phenomena of insanity and its treatment. Having had the charge of a department in the same House with him, for the last eight months, I know that he has made the most of those opportunities, and I bear a willing testimony to his uniform kindness to his patients, and to the extensive professional knowledge, as well as

the sound practical sense, which he has always brought to bear on the treatment of their diseases, both mental and physical.

Of his social qualifications I shall say no more than that I look with feelings of sorrow to the day, which must come, when he shall be no longer my daily companion, and that, when that day does come, I will feel that I have lost one of my most valued counsellors, as well as one of my best friends.

Dr. Deas's attainments in scholarship are many. He is a Master in Surgery and a Bachelor of Medicine of the London University, and took the highest honours of that University in Anatomy and its kindred sciences, Surgery, Forensic Medicine, and Biology.

In short, looking at Dr. Deas's high scientific acquirements, and his pleasant social qualities, I feel I do not exaggerate when I say that I know of no position in his profession to which he may not aspire, and certainly none which he would not adorn.

R. H. B. WICKHAM, L.R.C.P.,
Assist.-Physician.

XIV.

- From William Turner, M.B. Lond., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.S.E.,

 Professor of Anatomy, University of Edinburgh, Examiner
 in Anatomy, University of London, etc. etc.
- DR. P. M. Deas was a distinguished student of the Edinburgh Medical School, and is a graduate of the University of London. He took high honours at the different examinations. He has been for some years engaged in the study of Mental diseases, and from the experience he has gained at the large Asylum at Morningside, as well as from his sound professional

knowledge, I believe him to be highly qualified to hold the office of Medical Superintendent to a Public Asylum.

W. TURNER, M.B. Lond.,
Professor of Anatomy in the University
of Edinburgh.

24th November 1868.

XV.

From John B. Tuke, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Fife and Kinross District Asylum, late Assistant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, etc.

FIFE AND KINROSS DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, CUPAR, November 21, 1868.

I FEEL much satisfaction in bearing testimony to Dr. P. M. Deas's qualifications for the position of a Medical Super-intendent of an Asylum.

His University career was brilliant. After studying in Edinburgh, Dr. Deas presented himself at the London University for the degree of M.B., and in most of the important branches of examination carried off the highest honours, defeating the best men of his year, and obtaining the substantial reward of several scholarships. He was elected President of the Edinburgh Royal Medical Society when yet a student, and held the appointment of House Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary. He then commenced the study of Mental Disease in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside, where I had the pleasure of being associated with him as a colleague, under Dr. Skae, the eminent physician of that Institution. Dr. Deas has always had, at Morningside, at least 300 patients under his care, and has at different times been in charge of the male

and female departments. A firm will, honest determination, a kindly disposition, and great professional skill, have enabled him to fulfil his duties to the satisfaction of all around him. It might sound like the mere expression of personal friendship were I to state fully my opinion of his aptitude for this peculiar branch of medicine—it may, perhaps, be best expressed when I say that I never heard servant, patient, or officer speak of him, except in terms of the highest praise and kindliest feeling, and those who know anything of Asylum life will recognise that this is no negative praise.

Men holding higher positions in the world than I, will speak to his professional abilities; I speak only as a Medical Superintendent, and my experience enables me to say positively that Dr. Deas is most eminently fitted for undertaking the care and treatment of the Insane.

His University success speaks to the high order of his intellect; associated with it are all the highest qualifications of a gentleman.

JOHN B. TUKE, M.D.,

Medical Superintendent of the Fife and Kinross District Asylum.

XVI.

From John Smith, M.D., Vice-President R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Visiting Physician, Private Lunatic Asylum, Saughton Hall; formerly Physician, City Lunatic Asylum, etc. etc.

20 CHARLOTTE SQUARE, EDINBURGH, November 23, 1868.

DR. Peter Maury Deas has been known to me for several years, and from the opportunities I have thus had of becoming acquainted with his general acquirements, as well as his pro-

fessional attainments, and the attention he has given to the treatment of the Insane, I have no hesitation in recommending him as well qualified for the situation for which he is now a Candidate, the Physician and Superintendent of the Downshire Asylum. He is a graduate of the University of London, where he took high honours. He was Demonstrator to Dr. Struthers, formerly Lecturer on Anatomy in Edinburgh, and acted as House Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary to Professor Syme. He has also had the advantage of being Assistant-Physician to Dr. Skae, in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, for the last three or four years, a most extensive field for acquiring a practical and thorough knowledge of Mental disease, and of the treatment and management of the various forms it presents in the Insane.

I would further state that Dr. Deas possesses good natural talents, which he has cultivated by close application during his course of study. Besides his great professional proficiency, he possesses, in no small degree, those moral qualities so requisite in the management of the Insane—agreeable and gentle manners, conjoined with firmness and decision of purpose.

JOHN SMITH, M.D.

XVII.

From James C. Howden, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum; formerly Assistant-Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, etc.

> Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum, 23d November 1868.

I have much pleasure in testifying that I consider Dr. Deas well qualified for the office of Medical Superintendent of an Asylum for the Insane.

His professional attainments are of a very high order, and in the capacity of Assistant-Physician in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum during four years, he has gained such experience in the treatment of the Insane, as well as in the management of a large Hospital, as eminently fit him for the appointment he now seeks.

JAMES C. HOWDEN, M.D.

XVIII.

From John Sibbald, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Argyll
District Asylum; late Resident Assistant, Hospital for
Consumption, Brompton; and Assistant-Physician, Royal
Edinburgh Asylum, etc.

ARGYLL DISTRICT ASYLUM, LOCHGILPHEAD, 22d November 1868.

I have much pleasure in stating that I believe Dr. P. Maury Deas to be qualified to a remarkable degree for the duties of Medical Superintendent of a Public Asylum. The great distinction which he attained as a student afford the best guarantee for his thorough acquaintance with his profession; and his long experience in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum has made him thoroughly acquainted with every detail of Asylum management.

I have no hesitation in recommending him in the strongest manner to the Directors of the County Down Asylum, as I have the highest opinion of his character and abilities.

JOHN SIBBALD, M.D., ETC.

XIX.

From Frederick W. A. Skae, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Stirling District Asylum; late Assistant-Physician,, Royal Edinburgh Asylum; Ex-President, Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh, etc.

STIRLING DISTRICT ASYLUM, LARBERT, 23d November 1868.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the fitness of my friend Dr. P. Maury Deas for the post of Medical Superintendent of the District Asylum, County Down.

His very distinguished career at the Universities of Edinburgh and London, and his having afterwards held the position of Resident Surgeon in the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary, render it quite superfluous to say anything regarding the completeness of his education in every department of Medicine.

During the greater part of the time that he has been Assistant-Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, I had the pleasure of being his colleague, and can testify to the efficiency with which he discharged all his duties, and to the esteem, and even affection, felt by those who were under his care. I believe that he is possessed, in the highest degree, of every quality requisite in the care and treatment of the Insane; and that he will reflect honour on, and gain a reputation for, any Asylum of which he undertakes the management.

I have now had the privilege of counting myself among his friends for many years, and the longer I have known him, the more has my respect increased for his great abilities, his activity of mind, and his private character. He is a man of the most perfect honour; and I have never met any one with a more pure and upright mind than his.

FRED. W. A. SKAE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

XX.

From William Henderson, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of General Pathology, University of Edinburgh.

19 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, 25th November 1868.

I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with Dr. Deas for several years, and have been accustomed to regard him as a most accomplished Physician. His opportunities for the study and treatment of mental disorders have been of the best description, and as he unites to his ample professional attainments abilities of no common order, and a genial and gentlemanly character, I consider him singularly well qualified for the office of Physician to a Lunatic Asylum.

WM. HENDERSON, M.D.,

Professor of General Pathology, University of Edinburgh.

XXI.

From Thomas J. Colman, M.D., Assistant-Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum; formerly Resident Physician, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; and House Surgeon, Bristol General Hospital.

> ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, November 24, 1868.

I am delighted to have the opportunity of expressing the high opinion that I have formed of Dr. Peter Maury Deas's talents and acquirements, as well as of his moral and social qualities. My acquaintance with him extends now over

seven or eight years, and during the past year it has been my good fortune to be intimately associated with him.

Dr. Deas has had very many and varied opportunities of acquiring professional knowledge, and of these opportunities he has availed himself to the utmost. During his medical curriculum he took the highest honours at the London University, and the first prizes at his College classes; in fact, at the time, his name was quite a household word amongst his fellow-students. After that, he held with great success, for a period of six months, the office of Resident Clinical Surgeon, under Professor Syme, at the Royal Edinburgh Infirmary; he then passed some months in study at the different Continental schools, since which time he has held the office of Assistant-Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, for the last four years devoting himself entirely to the study of Mental diseases; for upwards of a year now, he has been Senior Assistant-Physician, and has, during occasional absences of the Medical Superintendent, always taken his place, showing great efficiency in the performance of all the duties peculiar to that office.

Dr. Deas is possessed of a most kind and sympathetic manner, and this, united, as it is in him, with sincerity and steadfastness of purpose, has made him always beloved and respected by the patients, and, in fact, by every one connected with the Asylum. No one who knows him can doubt that he has before him the prospect of a highly successful and honourable career. He is, I am sure, eminently qualified to take charge of a large Asylum, and would fulfil his duties with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of those who may elect him to such an office.

THOMAS J. COLMAN, M.D.,
Assistant-Physician, Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

XXII.

From T. W. Brushfield, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood; formerly Medical Superintendent, Chester County Asylum, etc.

Brookwood Asylum, NEAR Woking Station, Surrey, 24th November 1868.

From my personal knowledge of Dr. Deas at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, as well as during the time he performed temporary duty here, it affords me much pleasure to be enabled to bear testimony to his high professional attainments, kind and gentlemanly demeanour, and administrative ability, which, in my estimation, eminently qualify him for the office of Medical Superintendent of any County or District Lunatic Asylum.

T. W. BRUSHFIELD, M.D., Medical Superintendent.